

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 12, and cancel claim 19 as follows:

1       1. (Original) A video signal apparatus, comprising:

2               at least two tuners receiving a program;

3               a viewing restricting portion detecting a discretionary control data of the program received

4               through one of the tuners and blocking AGC signals of the tuner receiving the program when the

5               discretionary control data is greater than a discretionary threshold; and

6               a control portion blocking AFT signals of the other tuners when the viewing of the program

7               received by the receiving tuner is restricted.

1       2. (Original) The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 1, further comprised

2               of said tuners being independently tunable to simultaneously receive different video signals

3               corresponding to different programs.

1       3. (Original) The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 1, further comprised

2               of said plurality of tuners being independently tunable to simultaneously receive identical video

3               signals corresponding to said program.

1       4. (Previously Presented) A viewing restricting method of a video signal apparatus, the

2               method comprising:

3                   detecting discretionary control data of program received through a first tuner of the video  
4                   signal apparatus, said video signal apparatus comprising a second tuner that is adjustable  
5                   independently of said first tuner to receive video signals simultaneously with said first tuner from  
6                   any channel selected by said second tuner, a viewing restricting portion and a control portion;  
7                   comparing a viewing restricting data installed with a detected data;  
8                   checking whether there is a recording command through other tuners in the video signal  
9                   apparatus when a received data of the program received through the first tuner is greater than the  
10                  installed viewing restricting data;  
11                  blocking AGC signals of the first tuner receiving the program by the viewing restricting  
12                  portion when the discretionary control data is greater than a discretionary threshold; and  
13                  blocking AFT signals of the second tuner by the control portion when the viewing of the program  
14                  received through the first tuner is restricted.

1                   5. (Previously Presented) A video signal apparatus, comprising:  
2                   a plurality of tunable tuners that may be tuned to simultaneously receive video signals  
3                   carrying discretionary control data;  
4                   a first circuit controlling transmission of automatic fine tuning signals to a first one of said  
5                  tuners;  
6                   a second circuit controlling transmission of automatic gain control signals to said tuners;  
7                   an input stage accommodating entry of discretionary threshold data selectively provided  
8                  by a user;

9                   a viewing restricting stage connected to said tuners to detect said discretionary control data  
10                  accompanying video signals received by said first one of said tuners; and  
11                  a controller coupled to read said discretionary threshold data from a memory and control  
12                  application of said automatic fine tuning signals to said plurality of tuners in dependence upon  
13                  comparisons between said discretionary control data accompanying video signals received by said  
14                  first one of said tuners and said threshold data.

1                  6. (Original) The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 5, further comprised  
2                  of said plurality of tuners being independently tunable to simultaneously receive different  
3                  corresponding said video signals.

1                  7. (Original) The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 5, further comprised  
2                  of said plurality of tuners being independently tunable to simultaneously receive identical said  
3                  video signals.

1                  8. (Original) The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 5, further comprised  
2                  of said controller being connected to control application of said automatic fine tuning signals by  
3                  said first circuit to a second one of said tuners in dependence upon a comparison of between said  
4                  discretionary control data and said discretionary control data accompanying said video signals  
5                  received by said second one of said tuners.

1           9. (Original) The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 5, further comprised  
2 of said controller blocking application of said automatic fine tuning to tuners other than said first  
3 tuner when a comparison between said discretionary control data accompanying video signals  
4 received by said first one of said tuners and said threshold data indicates that reception of said  
5 video signals by said first one of said tuners is restricted.

1           10. (Original) The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 6, further comprised  
2 of said controller blocking application of said automatic fine tuning to tuners other than said first  
3 tuner when a comparison between said discretionary control data accompanying video signals  
4 received by said first one of said tuners and said threshold data indicates that reception of said  
5 video signals by said first one of said tuners is restricted.

1           11. (Original) The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 7, further comprised  
2 of said controller blocking application of said automatic fine tuning to tuners other than said first  
3 tuner when a comparison between said discretionary control data accompanying video signals  
4 received by said first one of said tuners and said threshold data indicates that reception of said  
5 video signals by said first one of said tuners is restricted.

1           12. (Currently amended) A video signal apparatus, comprising:  
2           a tuner that is adjustable to selectively receive video signals representing a program of

3 video images and to receive discretionary control data carried by said video signals; and  
4 a viewing restricting stage detecting said discretionary control data of the program received  
5 through said tuner and blocking automatic gain control signals for said tuner receiving the program  
6 when the discretionary control data is greater than a discretionary threshold, said viewing  
7 restricting stage being adapted to also block automatic fine tuning signals of the tuner when said  
8 discretionary control data is greater than said discretionary threshold.

1 13. (Original) The video signal apparatus of claim 12, further comprised of an additional  
2 tuner, with said viewing restricting stage blocking AFT signals of the both of said tuners when said  
3 discretionary control data is greater than said discretionary threshold.

1 14. (Original) The video signal apparatus of claim 12, further comprised of an additional  
2 tuner, with both of said tuners being independently tunable to simultaneously receive different  
3 video signals corresponding to different programs.

1 15. (Original) The video signal apparatus of claim 12, further comprised of an additional  
2 tuner, with both of said tuners being independently tunable to simultaneously receive identical  
3 video signals corresponding to said program.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The video signal apparatus of claim 12, the discretionary  
2 control data being based on an amount of sex and violence in said program.

1           17. (Previously Presented) The video signal apparatus of claim 12, the discretionary  
2           threshold being set at a receiving end of said program and not at a sending end of said program,  
3           the discretionary threshold blocking received programs with an excessive amount of sex and  
4           violence.

1           18. (Previously Presented) The video signal apparatus of claim 12, the discretionary  
2           threshold being a parental control.

1           19. (Cancelled)

1           20. (Previously Presented) The video signal apparatus of claim 12, the video signal  
2           apparatus being adapted to both block the viewing of a program and block the recording of said  
3           program when the discretionary control data is greater than a discretionary threshold.